# SUSPECTED OF STEALING STAMPS

Hamilton F. Colman Arraigned Before a U.S. Commissioner.

### SUBPRISE IN THIS CITY

NEW YORK, February 3.-The United States authorities, after a long investigation, have discovered the manner in which er's grandson, procured the making of the sets of uncanceled "newspaper and period!cal stamps," which are only used between upon his grandmother. Mr. Fenwick testione department and another of the postal fied to endeavoring to secure a loan of \$500 service, come in possession of philatelists. It has been ascertained that sets, which sell at \$207 each, have been stolen from the bureau of engraving and printing at Washington.

Following up this information, Hamilton F. Colman, an employe in the chief clerk's office of the general land office at Wash ington, was arrested here today. In the possession of the prisoner were found uncanceled newspaper and periodical siamps to the value of \$5,508. Colman denied that he had stolen the

stamps, but refused to make any statement regarding them. He was held in \$2,000 bail for examination.

In the complaint sworn out by Post Office Inspector Morris, it is stated that Colman obtained the stamps from Rudolph F. Albrecht, in this city. The detectives say however, that the prisoner came to this city on the midnight train from Washing-ton, and as soon as he reached the city he was placed under arrest. Besides stamps Colman carried a bank book in his own name, showing deposits in the Co-lumbia National Bank in Washington, and the card of A. C. Townsend, philatelist, in the Loan and Trust building, Washing-

### At the Land Office.

At the general land office great surpris and regret was expressed at the news of Coleman's arrest. He has been employed there for several years, and has made a good record as a clerk. He is a young man with a wife and one child, his home being at 1702 L street. He was called sud denly away from the land office yesterday by news of the serious illness of his father

by news of the serious liness of his father at Cooperstown, N. Y.

Mr. A. C. Townsend, whose card was found on Mr. Colman, is a philatelist and has an office in the Washington Loan and Trust building. He says he knows Mr. Colman well, that he came to see him yesterday, and telebilin he was saint to North terday and told him he was going to New York, where his father was dying. Mr. Townsend says he cannot understand how Colman should have \$5,000 worth of uncan celed newspaper and periodical stamps, and he does not believe that he has. Colman Las been a stamp collector and has had dealings with Mr. Townsend in making ad-ditions to his collection of stamps.

### EXTRADITION OF BUTLER.

### The Alleged Murderer May Be Taken Away Friday.

SAN FRANCISCO, February 3.-Prepara tions for the extradition of Butler are be ing hurried, and should the so-called murderer be extradited before next Friday at noon he will leave on the Ocean Steamship Co.'s Monowai for Sydney, N. S. W., and in that event the same steamer will probably bring back next April the account of his trial, and in the event of his conviction, also of his execution. The detectives have visited the steamer, and the forward tween decks have been measured. It was found to have anything to manage business matters.

To Mr. A. S. Worthington, of counsel for Mrs. Carr, Mr. McLeran stated that Mr. Carr bad no connection with Mrs. Van Riswick's property, and always declined to have anything to do with it. found possible to build a large room, com-fortable enough to accommodate Butler, and should be be extradited the quarters. walled by heavy six-inch planks, will be out up in less than six hours. Butler will be provided with a comfortable bed, and will live on the best the steamer provides remain in the jail until the Alameda sails, yer.'

month from now. VALEJO, Cal., February 3.—There is a pretty little woman living in this city who works as a domestic servant, the mother of a three-year-old boy, in the care of the Good Templars' Orphans' Home. She says that the Australian murderer Butler is her husband. She will go to San Francisco to take a look at him. She is convinced that he is her husband by the descriptions of the man and the circumstances surrounding him. She married Harry Butler in May, 1863, and four months after he left her. She has not seen him since, but in the meantime has learned enough of his record. record to make her think him capable of any crime. That he had some trouble before their marriage she is positive. He told her that he had been all over the world

# DR. NANSEN IN LONDON.

### The Arctic Explorer Heartily Cheered at the Station.

LONDON, February 3 .- Dr. Nansen, the arctic explorer, accompanied by Mrs. Nansen, arrived here today. They were met at Victoria railroad station by Sir George Baden-Powell, at whose house they are staying, and by other scientists. The crowd about the station heartily cheered the travelers. Sir George Baden-Powell will give dinner and a reception tonight in h of the Norwegian explorer. It is under-stood that Cambridge University will con-fer an honorary degree upon Dr. Nansen.

# THOMSON ELECTED PRESIDENT.

### The New Executive of the Pennsylva nia Railroad Chosen.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., February 3.-At special meeting of the directors of the Pennsylvania railroad this morning Frank Thomson was elected president of the company to succeed the late George B. Roberts. meeting was called for the purpose of choosing Mr. Roberts successor and no other business was transacted.

# Woman Suffrage in England.

LONDON. February 3.-The house of commens today discussed, on the motion of Mr. Ferdinand F. Begg, conservative member, seconded by Mr. L. A. Atherley-Jones, liberal, the second reading of the bill extending parliamentary franchise to

### Nevada Senate for Woman Suffrage CARSON, Nev., February 3.-The wo-

man's suffrage bill has passed the senate by a vote of 9 to 5, and was sent to the by a voice of a com-assembly, where it was referred to a com-mittee. It is thought it will be defeated in the assembly by a small majority.

# Weyler at Villa Clara.

Captain General Weyler has arrived at Villa Ciara, capital of the province of Santa Clara, from Cruces.

Sues the District for \$10,000. Isabella E. Iglehart today filed a suit against the District of Columbia, claiming \$10,000 damages. She alleges that on the

### fell into a hole on 7th street between B and streets southeast, sustaining injuries, for which she claims damages.

evening of the 19th of last September she

The Alaska Gold Fields. The Secretary of the Interior today sen to the Senate a report by Professor C. D. Walcott, director of the geological survey, of an exploration of the Alaska gold fields made last s last summer by a party sent out by

### Pacific Railroads.

The House committee on Pacific railroads had a conference today with Attorney General Harmon on the Harrison bill for a commission to settle the Pacific railroad questions. The Attorney General urged that broader authority should be given his department to deal with the matter. The committee adjourned until Monday.

Testimony Today in the Van Riswick Many Sold Here and Orders Coming From

Mr. Darlington Tells of Drawing the Document for the Deceased-The

The trial of the Van Riswick will case was resumed before Judge McComas in Circuit Court No. 2 this morning, today being the eleventh of the trial. After The Star's report of the case closed yesterday, James Fenwick, a nephew of Mrs. Van Riswick, was called as a witness on behalf of Mrs. Martina Carr, Mrs. Van Riswick's daughter, who is contesting the will, and charging that Wilton J. Lambert, her mothwill by undue influence practiced by him from his aunt, who compelled him to see Wilton, who required real estate security. Mr. Jesse L. Heiskell of the real estate firm of Heiskell & McLeran testified to collecting Mrs. Van Riswick's rents and attending to other business matters of hers. and periodical table of the request of Mr. R. Ross Perry, Mr. Heiskell valued the real estate belonging to Mrs. Van Riswick, showing the estate to be a very valuable ore. Mr. Heiskell stated that Mrs. Carr's husband occupied a desk in their office, but was not a mem-

a desk in their cince, but was not a member of the firm.

The first witness called on behalf of Mrs. Carr this morning was Mr. Heiskell's partner, Mr. John E. McLeran. He stated he had known Mrs. Van Riswick for twentyfive years, and intimately during the last ten years. His firm collected her rents and did other real estate business for her, be-ginning in 1899, but her memory became so defective, and it was so difficult to get her to fully understand business matters dur-ing the last year or so of her life that the firm's connection with her business about ceased. She became distrustful of her abil-ity to transact her business, and appeared to be groping about for some one to assist her. She said her sons-in-law, Mr. Carr and Mr. Tallmadge A. Lambert, were not business men, being engaged in their books, and regretted that they could not help her in her business affairs. Mr. Carr occupied a desk in their office, but was there simply as any other tenant. Mr. Mc-Leran, identified a letter received by his firm in August, 1894, signed M. Van Riswick. The letter referred to some real es-tate notes belonging to Mrs. Van Riswick It was read to the jury, counsel for Mr. Wilton J. Lambert admitting that it is in his handwriting. During the last year of his firm's transaction of her business. Mr McLeran said that in his opinion Mrs. Van Riswick was incapable of transacting any complicated business without assistance.

### Cross-Examined.

To Mr. Jere M. Wilson, of counsel for Mr. Lambert, Mr. McLeran stated that Mr. Carr took desk room in their office in 1890 and still has desk room there. At Mr. Wilson's request Mr. McLeran detailed a great length the conversations he had held with Mrs. Van Riswick, on which he based his opinion as to her incapability to tran-sact business unassisted. He stated that before Mr. Carr took a desk in their office he had desk room with Pitney & Bradford, real estate dealers. He also understood that that firm had attended to Mrs. Van Riswick's property, or some of it, before his firm took it.

his firm took it.

Mr. McLeran said that Mrs. Van Riswick frequently asked the advice of himself and partner in business matters, and thought that indicated in a manner an inability to understand or arrange her busi-ness affairs, although he could not say that the mere taking of the advice of others showed an inability to manage business

Being asked by Mr. Worthington on what he had based his opinion as to Mrs. Van Riswick's inability to attend unassisted to business, Mr. McLeran replied on the con-versation he had detailed and on other things which he could not exactly state. "For instance," he explained, "although I never heard Judge Wilson before today, I not get away on the Monowai he will have always considered him a great law-

Mr. Darlington Attorney Joseph J. Darlington was the next witness called by Mrs. Carr's counsel. He stated that he drew the contested will, ard explained that some weeks before he drew it Mr. Wilton Lambert said Mrs. Van Riswick wished him to draw her will He called upon Mrs. Van Riswick and was teld by her that she wished to so dispose of her estate that it should always remain in ner family. She said she desired to make me distinction between her two daughters. Mrs. Carr and Mrs. Tallmadge A. Lamert. She referred to the fact that Mrs. Carr had no children, and remarked that she had mentioned her intentions to Wilton, who had suggested that Mrs. Carr might have children, and that the will should provide that her share should go to her children, if she had any. Mrs. Van Riswick asked Mr. Darlington what thought of it, but he declined to express an opinion, saying she knew best. She said she did not believe Mrs. Carr

would be satisfied with a life interest only, ut said her father had given her a great deal, much Great Falls Ice Company stock and complained that, upon the advice of Mr. Carr's father, she had disposed of it. Mrs. Van Riswick said she had assisted Mr. Van Riswick in acquiring his property, and thought she could dispose of it as she desired. She said the bulk of her estate was in stocks, when Mr. Darlington sug-gested that a trustee should be appointed as to the personal estate. She did not like that, however. She said she wished Van View to go to Wilton, all but two acres, which she wished Mrs. Carr to have. Mr. Darlington suggested that it was a small part to leave Mrs. Carr, but she thought differently, and then told him that she was about to visit the Lamberts for awhile, Mrs. Carr being in North Carolina, and asked him to draw the will before she went there, so that it could not be said

that they (the Lamberts) had anything to do with it.

Matters remained in abeyance, said Mr. Darlington, for about ten days or two weeks, when Mr. T. A. Lambert informed weeks, when Mr. 1. A. Baunck was at his him that Mrs. Van Riswick was at his house and wished to see him. He called house and wished to see him that if upon her there, when she wished to apshe must have a trustee she wished to ap-point Wilton. She did not wish to make a will if she could transfer her property by deeds. He advised her to make a will, and requested her to write out her wishes in the matter. Later he received a memorandum from her, dated February 5, 1894. The memorandum, in Mrs. Van Riswick's handwriting, was produced by Mr. Darlington and shown to the jury by Mr. Perry, who and snown to the jury by Mr. Perry, who called attention to the difference in spelling in it and that in Mrs. Van Riswick's account books, the latter being, said Mr. Perry, full of misspelled words. The memorandum made no mention of the two acres of the Van View property to Mrs. Carr, and only differed from the will under contest in that if her children died without issue surviving them the estate should go to the lawful heirs of Mrs. Van Riswick.

Shortly afterward, Mr. Darlington said, he received a message from Mrs. Van Ris-wick to the effect that she wished that if

wick to the effect that she wished that if her grandchildren died without issue surviving them then the estate should go to her lawful heirs. Five days later he was told by Mr. T. A. Lambert that Mrs. Van Riswick did not wish to limit the property to the lives of her grandchildren, and thereupon he drew a second will. Both were sent to Mrs. Van Riswick, and the 16th of February, 1844, she called at his office and executed one of the wills, none of the Lamberts being present. She said she had told Wilton about them. She called the next day with the other will, explaining that she had signed the wrong one. She then executed the will under contest, the one which provides that if contest, the one which provides that if Mrs. Carr dies without lawful issue sur-viving her, her life estate shall go to Mrs.

# The Saturday Star By Mail One Year One Dollar.

ambert or issue.

Outside Cities.

New York Will Not Send Troops a the State Expense-Organizations Request Places in the Parade.

The demand for inaugural ball tickets is particularly animated, and there were many purchasers at the National Metropolitan Bank today. Chairman Thompson said this afternoon that inquiries regarding the tickets, as well as orders accompanied by money in payment for them, were being received from other cities. The supper tickets are not being sold as rapidly as the ball tickets, which are being secured thus early in advance of the function, as much on account of the novelty of possessing

them as for any other reason. The tickets are also on sale at augural headquarters in the Glover buildng, Chairman Bell having sent his personal check to Chairman Thompson for a number of them, so as to have them on hand in case visitors to headquarters desire to secure them.

Chairman Wright's report today shows that the public comfort committee has registered accommodations for 31,591 people; places where meals only can be sorved for 15,767; 1,340 horses for parade uses have been secured, and 90 horses engaged

### for the parade. Organizations to Be in Line. The Riverside Republican Club of New

York city will have about 100 men in line wearing high hats and dark overcoats President Thos. I. Crane will be in command.

'The Citizens' Auxiliary Horse Club of Washington district, Alexandria county, will bring fifty mounted men. The saddle cloths will be trimmed with yellow. The men will wear black overcoats, black fedoras with yellow bands, white gloves and yellow leggings. President R. Norris will be in command. The club is located at Hall's Hill, Alexandria county, about two and a half miles from this city. The 9th Battalion of Illinois Volunteers,

a colored organization, belonging to the Illinois National Guard, of which Major John C. Buckner is the commander and Capt. James H. Johnson, adjutant, will bring 385 men and seventeen officers to the inauguration. The command will probably be quartered at 12th and R streets north

Adjt. Gen. C. R. Boardman of Wisconsin in reply to a letter from Chairman Warner of the civic committee states that he knows of no civic organization or troops in the state that expect to participate in the inaugural ceremonies. Giv. Schofield and his staff, however, will be present.

The A. C. Harmer Club of Germantown, Pa., will have in the parade 100 men, wear-ing silk hats, light overcoats, dark clothes, patent leather shoes and carrying canes who will march behind a brass band similarly uniformed. Company I, Third Regiment of New Lon-

don, Conn., National Guard, will bring seventy men under command of Capt. Eu-gene L. Kirkland. New York will not send any troops to the inauguration at the expense of the commonwealth. A bill had been prepared to appropriate \$15,000 for the purpose, but

the appropriate \$15,000 for the purpose, but will not be introduced.

Charles N. Swift of New York, one of the special aids to Gen. Porter, has written Capt. Horton asking him to secure stabling accommodations for forty horses to be brought over from New York for use

### in the parade Electric Light for Inauguration.

The House yesterday afternoon passed the resolution coming over from the Senate providing for the extension of electric light wires for the inauguration ceremonies. The resolution was examined by Mr. Richardson and other members of the District committee and met with their approval.

### INAUGURAL CARRIAGE RATES.

Commissioner Powell Will Not Agree to Increasing the Present Prices.

If Commissioner Powell has any say in the matter he will not countenance by his vote an increase in cab and carriage Tates for the inaugural ball. This morning Secretary Tindall appeared before him with a schedule of rates agreed upon by the committee having the matter in charge. The major scanned it carefully and noting the increases in the rates asked the secretary why the change had been made. The sec retary informed him that the rates embodied in the schedule presented to him was similar to the one used for the Harrion inaugural ball, and embodied the of the inaugural committee having the mat-

ter in charge. good reason why these rates changed. The Commissioners have established a uniform scale of rates for public conveyances, and I know of no good argument why they should amend their order I do not propose to sign any order which contemplates an increase the carriage hire for the inaugural ball or

And the secretary withdrew and told the

# A SENSATIONAL CASE.

### The Burglary of French's Book Store Being Investigated.

In the Alexandria corneration court today the case of William Arrington and John Henderson, charged with robbing French's book store on the 13th of November, 1896, was called for trial. This is the case that caused such a sensation at the time of its occurrence. Some of the stolen goods were found in the possession of Harry Candler, who was supposed to be "doing" a twelve months' sentence in the county jail for gambling in Alexandria county.

# Presidential Nominations.

The President today sent the following eminations to the Senate:

Postmasters-Leonard G. Babcock, Lexgton, Mass.; Abial H. Chase, Concord Junction, Mass.; Henry J. Dunn, Medfield, Mass.; Chas. J. McGurk, New Bedford, Mass.; John G. Cobler, Everett, Pa.; Joseph E. McCabe, Beaver Falls, Pa.; Alex. S. Gil-E. McCabe, Beaver Falls, Pa.; Alex. S. Gillespie, Glendive, Mont.; John J. Conway, Harper's Ferry, W. Va.; David C. Hyer, Susanville, Cal.; A. C. Wood, Sulsun City, Cal.; Anna R. Moses, Carrollton, Ga.; A. J. Brundage, Ncra Springs, Iowa; John M. Topper, Colfax, Iowa; Lester D. Watrous, Burlington, Kan.; J. O. Billings, Fergus Falls, Minn.; Smith M. Dockstader, Canby, Minn.; Albert P. McIntyre, Warren Minn. Minn.; Albert P. McIntyre, Warren, Minn. Miss Ada L. Davis, Pilot Point, Texas; Susie P. Hyman, Stephensville, Texas; Jesse L. Reese, Velasco, Texas. Interior—Benjamin F. Shaw of Washing-ton to be register of the land office at

ancouver, Wash. Also the following promotions in the ma-rine corps: Maj. R. W. Huntington to be dieutenant colonel, Capt. C. F. Williams to be major, First Lieut. Harry K. White to be captain, Second Lieut. E. Sheall to be

# A Tennessee Conference.

The republican members of the House from Tennessee had a conference this morning and determined upon a certain line of efforts in the interest of Mr. Evans. They efforts in the interest of the claim to have received encouraging news during the last few days and they are determined to let no grass grow under their termined to let no grass grow under the feet if their efforts can aid their favorite.

# Did Not Denounce Mr. Reed.

To the Editor of The Evening Star: Newspaper articles to the effect that Representative Boutelle of Maine angrily enounced Speaker Reed at the annual dinner of the Gridiron Club on Saturday night last do Mr. Boutelle great injustice, as they are entirely unfounded. The rules of the club prohibit publication of the remarks of guests, which fact appears to have been guests, which fact appears to have been taken advantage of to circulate stories of a sensational character. The remarks of both the gentlemen from Maine were in entire accord with the spirit of the occasion and gave no indication of anything suggestive of loss of temper. The publication of Washington dispatches to the contract. of Washington dispatches to the contrary in papers which reached this city yester-day created great surprise among gentle-men who attended the Gridiron dinner. ' P. V. De GRAW, Secretary Gridiron Club.

Mr. Allen Pacific Railroads Resolutions Discussed.

STATEMENTS BY SENATOR THURSTON

A Virginia Contested Election Case Debated.

OPINIONS ON BOTH SIDES

Although defeated for re-election, Sena tor Dubois of Idaho was welcomed back to the Senate today with marked cordiality and with an abundance of floral tribates. His desk was literally overwhelmed with flowers, while tables, chairs and adjoining desks were brought into use to support the many unique devices into which the roses and violets had been wrought. A great cluster of violets' was tied with a ribbon bearing in solid silver "1900." The main design, rising eight feet from the floor, was an arch, the pillars being white roses and the capstone of im-

mortelles bearing the word "Honor." The bill was passed authorizing Maj. Gen. Alexander M. McCook, retired, and Capt. G. P. Schriven to accept medals from the Czar of Russia.

Pacific Raitroads Resolutions. The two Allen resolutions questioning the powers of the executive to foreclose the government liens against the Pacific roads were taken up, and Mr. Thurston (Neb.) spoke on the general status of the Pacific railroad debts.

He argued that the uniform opinion of the courts had been that the government lien was limited strictly to the precise lines on which guarantee bonds had been issued, and that the Thurman act did not extend this lien beyond the original lines or the Union Pacific and Central Pacific roads. This, he held, took the Omaha bridge, ap-

proaches, terminals, etc., outside of the original government lien. The situation as to the Union Pacific was that all terminals, all sidetracks, etc., were covered by a first mortgage to which the govern-ment lien is subject. The lien of the government was on that main line beginning at the Missouri river, about three or four miles north of the present Omaha bridge and running westward to Ogden, Utah. It, then, the United States acquired the rights of the first mortgages and was surrogated to those rights its lien would be extended to all terminals, etc. The obligation to the government reached \$53,000,000,

and it was proposed by the present negotiations to pay an upset price of between \$45,000,000 and \$46,000,000.

Mr. Smith (N. J.) interrupted to say that the \$53,000,000 did not represent the actual obligations to the government, which, with the proper allowance of interest paid on the proper allowance of interest paid on bonds made \$88,000,000 which the Union Pacific owed the government, and for which this syndicate proposed to pay \$45,000,000.

Mr. Thurston said he had taken the \$53,-000,000 from government estimates. were, he said, only two propositions from which to make a choice. One was to realize about 56 per cent of the government's claim, the other to invest more of the

people's money in fully acquiring a road presumably for the purpose of government ownership and operation.

Mr. Alien and Mr. Morgan interrupted with frequent inquiries indicating a wide difference of opinion with Mr. Thurston. Mr. Thurston doubted whether Congress could now croate a new Federal Union Pa-cific railroad, owing to the laws of several of the states prohibiting the operation of railways by any other than domestic cor-

porations. Right of the Attorney General. Answering a question by Mr. Allen, Mr. Thurston declared that the right of the Attorney General to appear in any foreclosure sur was absolutely unquestionable, irrespecting of any legislation on the subject. Thougovernment could be brought into court! and that has been done in this foreclosure suit. To be sure, Congress could take from the United States circuit court authority over the subject but what a wanton, unauthorized, despotic use of power that would be.

# - A Brief Flurry.

Mr. Thurston gave way at 2 o'clock to the Nicaragua canal bill. This occasioned a brief flurry, showing the anxiety to advance various measures. Mr. Lodge gave notice that he would push the immigration bill tomorrow. Mr. Allen insisted that the Pacific railroad resolution be kept to the front tomorrow.

Did the Senate propose to do nothing? The bankruptcy bill was in the last stages of consumption; the Nicaragua canal bill was about to be nailed in its coffin, and senators were putting off these Pacific railroad resolutions.

Mr. Gear (Iowa), chairman of the Pacific railroad committee, said he proposed to urge the bill for a settlement of the Pacific bankruptcy bills were cut of the way. He had assurances that the bankruptcy would yield at the proper time.

It was finally arranged that the Pacific

railroad resolutions would be taken up Mr. Morgan, in charge of the Nicaragua canal bill, gave notice of his acceptance of the amendments offered by Mr. Teller Col.), providing that a survey shall precede the government guarantee of bonds or the beginning of work; also that if the survey showed the cost would exceed \$150,-000,000 nothing shall be done until Congress

gives further authority. Mr. Vilas (Wis.) then resumed his speech, opposing the bill.

# THE HOUSE.

The attendance in the House today was light. While a resolution to print the consular regulations for distribution by mempers of Congress was under consideration Mr. Cannon (Ill.) facetiously remarked that this document was in great demand just at this time.

"Is this document all the recipients expect?" asked Mr. Terry (Ark.). "It is probably all most of them will get," esponded Mr. Cannon, dryly.

Virginia Contested Election Case. Mr. McCall (Mass.) then called up the Cornett-Swanson contested election case from the fifth Virginia district. The mafority of the committee, including three republicans and three democrats, reported in favor of Mr. Swanson, the democratic contestee, while three members of the committee-Mr. Thomas (Mich.), Mr. Walker (Va.) and Mr. Overstreet (Ind.)-joined in a minorlty report in favor of declaring the seat vacant. On the face of the returns Swan-son had 233 plurality. The case rested largely on the validity and justice of the then existing Walton election law in Vir-ginia, and in spleed much the same ques-tions that were involved in the Vest Tutteginia, and involved much the same ques-tions that were involved in the Yost-Tucker case, which the Horse by a narrow vote decided recently in favor of the sitting decided recently in favor of the sitting member. Phoomajority contended that if the contestant was given the benefit of every claim that could be made from the testimonywin she case, as well as every doubt that could arise therefrom, and if every claim was conceded to him he would still lack 1,600 votes of enough to overcome Mr. Swanson's plurality.

The minority argued that the Walton law prevented a free and secret ballot, and, while note claiming that the contestant should be given the seat, insisted that justice demanded it should be declared va-

tice demanded it should be declared vacant. Mr. Turner (Va.) opened the debate in

favor of sustaining the majority report. He declared that if Mr. Swanson was to be deprived of his seat because the Wal-ton law was condemned the House could ton law was condemned the House could with equal justice declare vacant the other seats from Virginia.

Mr. Thomas (Mich.) opened in behalf of the adoption of the minority report. He argued that the Walton law disfranchised every illiterate voter by making him vote. argued that the waiton law distranchised every illiterate voter by making him vote through another, that it destroyed the secrecy of the ballot, which it should protect, and that because of the injustice done the election held under it should be declared void.

LATE NEWS BY WIRE HER BUSINESS METHODS GOOD DEMAND FOR TICKETS SENATE AND HOUSE FOR THE POOR OVERHEAD WIRES AGAIN FINANCE AND TRADE

ent Funds - Police Money

About Exhausted.

are being rapidly sold today by the police,

and by a number of ladies and gentlemen.

who are actively lending their services to

the good cause. The boxes have all been

disposed of to the following holders: Mrs.

Hearst, Mrs. Westinghouse, Mrs. Thomp-

son, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Hibbs, Mrs. Wood-

The coupon tickets for the reserved seats

will be ready at the National Theater to-

morrow, where they can be exchanged for

the reserved seat tickets sold. The list

of patronesses is as follows: Mrs. Hearst,

Mrs. Brice, Mrs. Lamont, Mrs. M. M. Par-

ker, Mrs. Westinghouse, Mrs. J. W. Thomp-

son, Mrs. S. H. Kauffmann, Mrs. W. B. Hibbs, Mrs. S. W. Woodward, Mrs. Skully,

Mrs. Dingley, Mrs. Mann, Mrs. Allen C. Clark, Mrs. Henry A. Willard, Mme. Romero, Mrs. Teunis Hamilin, Mrs.

Whitman, Mrs. Frye, Mrs. John Drew, Mrs. Beveridge, Mrs. Wilkins, Mrs. Swope, Mrs. Samuel Green, Mrs. Walton, Mrs. W. A. Rogers, Mrs. Rapley, Mrs. C. W. Need-

ham, Mrs. Cluskey Cromwell, Mrs. Harry Rapley, Mrs. Bishop W. Perkins, Mrs. Beale Howard, Mrs. A. T. Britton, Mrs.

Somers, Mrs. Stanley Brown, Mrs. Hil-bern, Mrs. Joseph Washington, Mrs. John Joy Edson, Mrs. Radeliffe, Mrs. Sowers,

Mrs. McFarland, Mrs. James F. Barbour

Dr. Rogers' Lecture.

The state of the weather naturally cut

down the attendance at the lecture given by

Dr. A. G. Rogers at the Church of Our

Father last night for the benefit of the poor

of the city; but it is not thought that this

fact will affect in a very marked manner

the receipts from the entertainment, as

great number of tickets were sold beforehand. Dr. Rogers' subject was "The Hoosier Schoolmaster," an abridgment of Edward Eggleston's story, and although he

has given it before in this city, it proved just as enjoyable as when he first presented it. Incidental music and pictures enhanced

the attractiveness of the entertainment, and those who ventured out were amply repaid for their effort in so doing.

Police Distribution.

The police are doing very little work in

the charity line today, for the reason that

they have no funds at their disposal. Ap-

plicants for assistance are still appearing

in large numbers at the police stations,

but there are not as many of them as there

were several days ago. In South Washington the police say there is still a great amount of suffering, more than fifty ap-

plicants having called at the fourth pre-cinct station before 9 o'clock this morning. Several colored women happened to call at

the station about the time clothing money

was being collected, and they imagined the money was to be used for the poor in pay-ing their rent. The result was that scores

of the poor people soon appeared and ask-ed for small sums. This false alarm had

the effect of giving the police an idea of the

number of people who are behind in their rent. Many of them said they had already received word that unless their rent was

soon paid they would be ejected, and they all knew that they could not raise sufficient money to satisfy their landlords. The tickets distributed by the police for the National Hotel dinner were used by their recipients, and many hungry people were fed. "Joe." the no-legged bootblack was

fed. "Joe," the no-legged bootblack, was among those who enjoyed this popular charity, and when he had had his fill be

boasted to his friends that he had dined at the National. Those who accept of Col. Staples' hospitality are not allowanced, but

are served as much as they can eat, and some of the poor ones, who have had but few square meals this winter, have sur-prisingly large appetites. Many of the men

fed here are strangers in the city, while others, men of families, take home their

allowance, which is usually enough for a

Chief Clerk Sylvester of the police de-partment said today that the fund of the

amount held in reserve, however, and this

quarters. This money, he said, will be

people are calling upon the police, many of them have to be turned away,

donations being received are very small.

Employes of the Southern railroad con

tributed \$22.15, members of the detective office \$15, and Clayton Homiller, \$1. Other

donations were received as follows: George

The Central Relief Committee Fund.

The Star has received contributions for

the central relief committee fund as fol-

Marzini, coal and provisions; Fannie Law son, fuel; Misses Berry, groceries; E.

Fry, clothing and groceries.

Heretofore acknowledged.....

Bureau of steam ergineering, Navy
Department
Bureau of yards and docks, Navy

Department
Navy pay office
Employes of Washington city post

J. J..... E. D..... E. M. G....

Grand total.....\$3,808.47

For the Associated Charities.

The Star has received the following con-

Heretofore acknowledged...... \$118.00

Tetal ...... \$133.00

The Dollar Fund.

The following have contributed to the

dollar fund: J. Wahling, Sophia Cook, A

THE RIVER OPENING.

Floating Ice Being Carried to the

Bay.

ton company have made their regular trips. Tomorrow it is ex-

Serator-elect Wellington, who has re-

turned from a visit to President-elect Mc-

Kinley and Chairman Hanna, said to a

Star reporter this morning that he is satisfied with his visit. He is sure that if Maryland is considered among other southern states for a cabinet position, Mr. Gary will be honored with a place.

Received by the President.

ers and pupils from Haverhill, Mass.,

called at the White House this afternoon under the chaperonage of Representative Moody of Massachusetts, and were received by President Cleveland in the cast room.

About one hundred and fifty school teach-

Friend, Mrs. L. G. W., Dorothy C. Ruff.

tributions for the Associated Charities:

100.00

lows:

epartment was about exhausted

big family.

ward, Mrs. Brice and Mrs. Skully.

Various Means of Raising Funds for Dis- Fire Alarm Boxes in an Important Section

Contributions Received by the Differ-Electric Light Wires Fall on Some of Those of the Fire Alarm System

and Cause the Damage. The tickets for the concert to be given The fire alarm boxes in the White House Friday afternoon at the National Theater and treasury, as well as the boxes at 15th

and G. 15th and I and on 14th between E

and F streets, were removed today because they were burned out last night, and they will not be replaced until new boxes are received from the factory. This trouble resulted from the dangerous overhead wires of the electric light company. The wires which connect the Grand Opera House with the street line broke last night during the storm and

caused the damage.

Had the fire alarm wires been under ground this serious accident would not have happened. Superintendent Miles of the District for selection of the control of the con the District fire alarm and telephone service has done his best to induce Congress to put them all under ground, but has not succeeded in his efforts. It will be several days at least before the

new boxes arrive, and in the meantime telephones will have to be used for the purpose of sending in alarms from the neigh-borhood in which these boxes were located.

### ARRIVAL OF THE VANDERBILTS. The New York Millionaire Now Oc

cupying the Lowery Mansion. Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt are now occupying the mansion leased from Mr. Woodbury Lowery for a term of three months, having arrived from New York over the Pennsylvania read in Mr. Vanderbilt's private car early yesterday evening. Dr. Seward Webb, his brother-in-law and physician, accompanied the

York on the late train. York on the late train.

The household arrived yesterday morning and had prepared the residence for occupancy, so that everything was in readiness for Mr. Vanderbilt's reception and company. fort. The horses, carriages, coachmen and grooms also came over in advance and are occupying the stable belonging to the Lemon estate.

party to Washington, but returned to New

The Vanderbilts will lead a retired life while here. It is said that Mr. Hamilton McK. Twombly, Mr. Vanderbilt's brotherin-law, will shortly come to Washington with his family and remain until after

### ROASTED TO DEATH.

Terrible Results From the Explosion of a Coal Oil Lamp.

William T. Slason of 314 Delawawe avenue northeast lies dead this afternoon on a slab in the morgue of the Emergency Hospital as the result of the explosion of a coal oil lamp in his residence at an early hour this morning. The uncle of the deceased, Charles B. Tilden, an attorney-atlaw, is suffering from serious burns received from the same cause. The lamp exploded in Mr. Tilden's room

a fe v minutes before 2 o'clock. The burning oil set fire to the clothing of Mr. Tilden, and he shouted for help. In response, young Slason, attired only in his night clothes, rushed to the assistance of his uncle and attempted to drag him from the room, but in doing so his own garments also became ignited.

The young man, screaming with pain, rushed into the street and attempted to relieve his condition by rolling on the snowy pavement. Attracted by his cries of anguish Policeman Bray, who was nearby at the time, succeeded in extinguishing the flames.

As quickly as possible Slason was removed to the Emergency Hospital, where he died at 10 o'clock this morning. Mr. Tilden was treated at his home by Dr. Bayne. At 3 o'clock today his condition was reported as slightly improved. Engine company No. 3 extinguished the fire at the house without trouble.

### THE COURTS.

the expenditure of from two to three hundred dollars a day the money contributed could not last long. There is a small Equity Court No. 1-Judge Cox. Shorter agt. Boudin; pro confesso made absolute. Kencaly agt. Combs; appearance of absent defendant ordered. Carstairs agt. Duffy; pro confesso against defendants all created were all control of the co stairs agt. Dray; pro contesso against de-fendants all granted. Morgan agt. Mor-gan; testimony before R. Hutchinson, ex-aminer, ordered taken. Troeter agt. Troeter; appearance of absent defendant given only in extreme cases, and an effort will be made to put it in families where there is sickness. Although scores of poor ordered. Ambler agt. Ambler; testimony ordered taken before J. A. Clarke, examiner. Cammack agt. Hall; do. before W. H. Shipley, examiner. Rives agt. Rives; pro confesso against defendant Rives oragt. Smith: Abraham Lisner allowed to intervene. Phillips agt. Phillips; appearance of absent defendants ordered. In re lunacy of J. O. P. Burnside; Simpson, twelve sacks of flour; Miss Cruik-shank, groceries; Frederick Gheen, fuel; Adolph Gassman, 50 loaves of bread; J. T. Earnshaw, 100 loaves of bread; Dr. H. D. report of committee confirmed.

Equity Court No. 2-Judge Hagner Cox agt. Cox; order restraining defend-ant from taking testimony, and cause cal-endared for hearing at February term. Wells agt. Wells; time to take testimony limited. Goebel agt. Belt et al.; ratification of auditor's report. Schmitz agt. Schick-ler; decree for sale.

Circuit Court No. 1-Judge Cole Daniel agt. Solomon; motion for new trial filed and overruled, petition dismissed and judgment for plaintiff against intervenors for his costs, appeal noted and supersedeas bond fixed at \$300. Lazier agt. Lansburgh; judgment for plaintiff on motion. Solomon agt. Stern; judgment of condemnation. O'Neill agt. Walker; on trial.

Estate of Mary Van Riswick; on trial. Thompson agt. Pickrell; bill of exceptions signed. Howard agt. C. and O. R. R. Co.; Criminal Cour . No. 2-Judge Bradley.

Circuit Court No. 2-Judge McComas.

Lewis agt. Burns; judgment on verdict. Levy agt. District of Columbia; juror withdrawn; plaintiff allowed twenty days to amend, and case continued. O. M. Bryant agt. Jno. N. Ehle; on trial.

Criminal Court No. 1-Chief Justice Bingham. United States agt. Glenmore Moten, bigamy; defendant withdraws plea not guilty and pleads guilty; sentence, New Jersey state prison for two years. United States agt. George Nelson, second offense petit larceny; verdict, guilty; sentence, New Jersey state prison for one year and one day.

# Prof. Daniel's Condition.

Prof. Daniel, the well-known teacher of music in the public schools, is much worse today. He has been sinking rapidly during the day and his death is expected at almost any moment.

Grain and Cotton Markets.

Furnished by W. B. Hibbs & Co., bankers and brokers, 1427 F st., members New York

stock exchange, correspondents Mess Ladenburg, Thalmann & Co., New York. GRAIN The river is covered with floating ice, making it rather uncomfortable for ordi-July.....
Oats—May.....
July..... nary steamers to make any headway, butthe steamers of the Norfolk and Washington company have made and are making pected the steamer Macalester and the fer-y boats will resume their regular trips. Yesterday's rainstorm had the effect of High. 7.05 7.11 7.18 7.28 breaking the ice, and the heavy north-west wind last night gave the floating ice such a good start down the river that some of the older river men say there is now no danger of a freshet. Close. 7.05 7.11 7.18 7.23

Baltimore Markets.

BALTIMORE, February 3.—Flour dull, receipts, 4,516 barrels; exports, none; barrels. Wheat steady—spot, 87 bid; 3

Tariff Possibilities Menace the Price of Sugar Stock.

# RUMORED RIVALS FOR UNION PACIFIC

Prospect of Active Competition for

### GENERAL MARKET REPORTS

Its Control.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star. NEW YORK, February 3.-Prices were

generally well supported this morning on a volume of business too small to warrant extensive or significant fluctuations. The undertone of the London market reflected a somewhat better feeling as to the future course of the security market. The American department was given over to duliness but confidence in easy money at that center is relied upon to stimulate purchaselater on.

count market give rise to the presumption that the official bank rate will be still further reduced at tomorrow's meeting of the governors. Natural conditions have for some time past warranted a reduction in the official rate, but private policy has dictated the maintenance of as high rate as possible. In the local market money lending has ceased to be a profitable enterprise The supply of idle funds is clearly reflected by the steadily increasing surples reserve and the stationary level of the loan account. The fact that money is to be had is well established, however, and this circumstance alone should inspire un dertakings which, under less favorable corditiors, would be impracticable.

The occasional independent movement of ertain stocks indicates that in some quar ers advantage is being taken of minimum interest charges to accumulate stock under the cover of dullness. The low-priced securities are almost always favored in such undertakings. Experienced leadership and a more courageous yielding to conviction on the part of large interests would completely obliterate the evil domination of by-gone conditions. One day's foresight has accomplished much in individual instance but it never yet has made a purposeful stock market, Wall street is exceedingly vain of its

reputation to see benefits a long way off. It may have its reputation threatened in this particular, but on the eve of its loss it will surely be sustained. This is the ar-gument of all of the more conservative buyers of the last fortnight. American Sugar and Manhattan were conspicuous exceptions to the strength of

the general market, 1 per cent being de ducted from first prices on moderate deal-ings. Tariff possibilities are responsible for the movement in the first mentione and possible unfavorable developments a Albany explain the cause of the latter. Union Pacific was advanced 1 per cent of buying inspired by rumors of active com-petition for control under the foreclosur sale. The reorganization syndicate is not to have an entirely smooth course in ac-quiring possession. Evidence of an at-tempt to force an early signing of the Dist.llers' agreement was credited with the movement in American securities, which is regarded as the beginning of active specu lation in these shares

### FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

The following are the opening, the highest and the lowest and the closing prices of the New York stock market today, as reported by Corson & Macartney, members New York stock exchange. Correspondents, Messrs. Moore & Schley, No. 80 Broadway.

American Spirits, pfd. 31 82 81 82 8 American Sugar. 1165 1165 1165 1153 1165 Atchison Battimore & Onio...
Bay State Gas...
Canada Southern...
Canada Pacific...
Chesapeake & Ohio...
C. C. C. & St. Louis... 1734 17% 17% 741<sub>4</sub> 1043<sub>6</sub> 775<sub>6</sub> 761<sub>6</sub> 1333<sub>6</sub> 675<sub>6</sub> 75% Chicago, B. & O Chicago, B. & Q. Chicago & Northwestern. Chicago Gas. C. M. & St. Paul. C. M. & St. Paul. of d. Chicago, R.I. & Pacific. 104% 184% 164% 183% 68% 148 148 151% 101% Del., Lack. & W...... Delaware & Hudson.... Den. & Rio Grande, pfd. General Electric 253, 35% 153 51 108 89% 153 Michigan Central .... Missouri Pacific... National Lead Co. National Lead Co., pfd... National Lead Co., pfd... New Jersey Central.... New York Central... 15% 37% 14% 15% 87% 87% Ont. & Western 251 251 261 261 156 156 29 291 723 723 25% 26% 156 29% 72% Palinan P. C. Co
Southern Ry., pfd.
Phila. Traction
Texas Pacific.
Tenn. Coal & Iron.
Union Pacific. 30 7% 61% 16 2% 10% 83% 29% 6% 61% 16 2% 10% 88 29% 6% 60% 16 2% 10% 88 . S. Leather, pfd...

### Silver..... Washington Stock Exchange.

Saies—regular call—12 o'clock m.—Masonic Hallos, \$100 at 105. Central National Bank, 2 at 265 American Graphophone, 100 at 9%; 100 at 9%. Itanston Monotype, 2 5at 6%. District of Columbia Bonds, —20-year fund 5s, 108 bid. 30-year fund 6s, 20d, 110 bid. Water stock 7s, 1901, currency, 110 bid. 3.65s, funding, currency, 169% bid. 112 asked.

Miscellaneous Bonds.—Metropolitan Railroad 5s, 108 bid. 112 asked. Metropolitan Railroad certificates of indebtedness, 130 bid. 140 asked. Belt Railroad 5s, 61 bid. 81 asked. Eckincton Railroad 6s, 113 bid. 114 asked. Columbia Railroad 6s, 113 bid. 35 asked. Columbia Railroad 6s, 114 bid. 35 asked. Columbia Railroad 6s, 114 bid. 35 asked. Washington Gas Company 6s, series A, 113 bid. Washington Gas Company 6s, series A, 113 bid. Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone 5s, 100 bid. American Security and Trust 5s, A, and O., 100 bid. Washington Market Company 1st 6s, 107 bid. Washington Market Company ext. 6s, 107 bid. Washington Market Company ext. 6s, 107 bid. Masonic Hall Association 5s, 105 bid.

National Bank Stocks.—Bank of Washington, 286 bid. 315 asked. Bank of the Republic. 210 asked Metropolitan, 280 bid. Central, 265 bid. Farmed and Mechanics', 173 bid, 190 asked. Second, 131 bid, 140 asked. Clificens, 115 bid. 128 asked Columbia, 125 bid. Capital, 120 bid. 130 asked. Unicoln, 102 bid, 106 asked. Ohio, 96 bid.

Safe Deposit and Trust Companies.—National Safe

old. Safe Deposit and Trust Companies.—National Safe Deposit and Trust, 116 bid. 115 asked. Washington Loan and Trust, 118 bid. American Security and Trust, 138 bid. 142 asked. Washington Safe Deposit. 50 bid.

Loan and Trust, 118 bid. American Security and Trust, 138 bid, 142 asked. Washington Safe De posit, 50 bid.

Railroad Stocks.—Capital Traction Company, 544 bid. 58 asked. Metropolitan, 103% bid, 106% asked. Columbia, 48 bid.

Gas and Electric Light Stocks.—Washington Gas 44% bid. 45 asked. Georgetown Gas, 44 bid. U. S. Electric Light, 30 bid. 32 asked.

Insurance Stocks.—Metropolitan, 65 bid. Coreoran, 55 bid. Potomac, 69 bid, 74 asked. Alington, 125 bid, 140 asked. German-American, 18 bid. National Union, 93 bid, 13 asked. Columbia 11 bid, 13 asked. Riggs, 7% bid, 8 asked. People's, 5 bid, 6% asked. Lincoln, 8% bid, 8% asked Commercial, 4% bid, 5% asked.

Title Insurance Stocks.—Real Estate Title, 98 bid, 105 asked. Columbia Title, 43, bid, 6 asked. Telephone Stocks.—Pennsylvania, 38 bid, 55 asked. Telephone Stocks.—Pennsylvania, 38 bid, 55 asked. Chesapeake and Potomac, 55 bid, 60 asked. American Graphophone, 9% bid, 9% asked. American Graphophone, preferred, \*10 bid. Pneumatic Gar Carriage, .65 bid, 70 asked.

Miscellaneous Stocks.—Mergenthaler Linotype, 25% bid, 126 asked. Mashington Market, 10 bid. Great Falls Ice, 118 bid, 125 asked. Norfolk and Washington Steamboat, 98 asked. Lincoln Hall, 8 asked.

\*Ex div.

Quotations reported by Corson & Macart-ney, bankers.

The conditions prevailing in the open dis